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BASEBALL TEAM

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In this article, we will recchampionship to the Hospital.

heartbreaking games. However, start every game in any position win or lose, he was able to keep the guys together as a team and to gain their respect as a total coach.

Assistant coaches were HM2 Harold Hearshman and HM3 Alfonso Jones. Their duties included directing the base running and helping HMC Morrison in making some of the defensive decisions.

There were many players, all good and reliable; all striving to make it their best season.

HM3 Robert Goulart, who played a consistent game behind the plate, was catcher. HN Steven McLesky, the most surehanded player on defense took the short stop position. HM3 Stanley Kramer ended as the ace pitcher of the team. HMl Eldon Peterson, who played pitcher and outfielder, was one of the most knowlegeable players about the game of baseball. DT3 Ben Haynes played centerfield and pitcher and is one of the fastest and the most surehanded outfielders in the league. As for his pitching, we will let 15 strikeouts in one game talk for him.

Then there's HM3 Robert Fanognize the individual players ger, another pitcher, who also who represented the Naval Re- was one of the most dedicated gional Medical Center on the sta players on the team. The most tion championship baseball team. powerful batter on the team and Each individual listed gave 100% also an excellent first baseman in this endeavor to bring the describes HN Joseph O'Kane. HM2 Reggie Willis, one of the fast-HMC Billy Morrison coached est players in the league, held this team through some very the infield spot and was able to

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VARSITY SLOWPITCH

HM2 A. STRICKLIN

On July 5th at 0530, the Navy Memphis Varsity Slowpitch Soft-bail team, coached by HM2 Andy Stricklin, departed in a Navy limousine bound for Athens, GA, where they would participate in the Sixth Naval District Level II Softball Tourney.

In a series of doubleheaders, in 1020 heat, the Memphis team - nework team first game on 6 July ostroganist NAS Atlanta. Because betspired intense heat, ball play-tactrastical to drop from cramps because the series of the memphis the game anagarast waval Supply Corps School 2NH10-pns."

-Jan Memphis again met NAS blantlantaron 7 July once more deof feating them 10-6. Protected anoigainst withe heat by some miracle

drug called Gatorade, the fighting Memphians went on to beat MAVSUPCORSCH 23-4 with 13 runs in the first inning. Andy Cox smashed two grand slams which pulvarized the officers in front

of 600 spectators.

On 8 July, the last game was played. In the bottom of the 7th Memphis was ahead of NAVSUPCOR-SCH 10-9. However, NSCS was at bat and had a runner on base when their home run slugger, Stewart Nelson, came to the plate. Using their defensive minds, Memchis intentionally walked Nelson to prevent another homerun, but now with two on, any hit would end in defeat for Memphis. HMl "Fete" Peterson saved the day with a diving catch to spoil MSCS 10-9. After the first place awards were presented to the Memphis team, they packed up and headed for Charleston, S.C.

On Saturday 9 July, Memphis rolled into what was to become heartbreak hotel. The team was put into the Navy Lodge with a picnic banquet to begin at 1500

Sunday.

On Monday afternoon, Memphis drew the first game with Correy Field. In the bottom of the 7th, Memphis was ahead 5-3 when the hitting attack by Correy Field happened. With a sudden flurry of hits, it was over; Correy Field 6 - Memphis 5.

The next evening was like a repeat in history. This time May port, Fl., coming out on top 2-1 (again in the 7th inning.) With this last defeat, Memphis return

ed home.

The Naval Hospital devoted some of its best players to the squad. Hospital team members were: HM3 Clayton, 2nd base; HN Johnson, right field; HM1 Peterson, center field; HN McLeskey, short stop; and HM2 Stricklin, coach and 3rd base.

JAMIE.. "CHESS KING"

During the week of 8-16 August, NRMC staged a single elimination chess tournament. The games varied from 15 minutes to 1 hour and 25 minutes, depending on the opponent's frame of mind.

With such master minds as HM3 Jamie Cordoba, HN Tony Steele, HM3 Dennis Pinson, HM2 "Tiny" Clemmons, and HM3 "Archie" Marsh the other contestants, LT James Huston, HM1 "Pete" Peterson, HM3



JAMIE PREPARES FOR THE "KILL"...

Dick Dratz, HM3 Reggie Willis, HM3 Al Roggerio, HM3 Randy Newland, and HM3 Dawn Lawing, had a struggle on their hands.

One by one the less experienced were cornered and mated as the master minds, Jamie and Tony continued their victory sweep until they came face to face in the final onslaught. Alas, Jamie's carefully thought out offensive moves proved to be harmful to Tony's aggressive manner of playing. Both men played like the champs they are, however, Jamie turned out to be the champ of all champs as he cornered Tony's king.

LCDR Benedict presented Jamie with a trophy well earned.



LT. DUMAIS

Remember back in March when Lt. Gary Dumais, Food Management Service, became the three-time table tennis champion of NRMC and NAS Memphis by not only taking the singles titles but also the doubles title with the assistance of HN Jerry Clark.

Once more Mr. Dumais proved himself worthy at the table by taking fourth place in the 6th Naval District Table Tennis Tournament held 26-28 September at NAS Cecil Field. There were nine competitors in this double elimination tournament. Mr. Dumais's first loss was to ENS Connell, who eventually took first place. Second and third place trophies went to Chief Tanner from Jack sonville and LTjg Gosler of Orlando.



TAKE 4TH

The touch football season has now ended with the NRMC Bandits finishing in fourth place. The team ended the season with five wins and seven losses. Even while struggling through a rough season, this team had its share of talent. The first part of the season, the shots were called by Quarterback Norman Johnson. Johnson was unable to complete the season, due to receiving school orders and was replaced by Andrew "Cat" Hairl, a man who was expected to pick up where Johnson had left off, and was equal ly capable of doing so, however, early in his first game as starting quarterback, he received a ruptured tendon in his passing hand, had to undergo surgery, and was lost for the remainder of the season. The position then fell to Steve Mc-Clesky, who started the season, as a pass receiver. Shortly after assuming the quarterback position, he proved that he was quite capable at this task also as he passed for two touchdowns in his first game. The job of Quarterback doesn't appear quite as difficult when there are talented receivers such as Al Cadogan, Mark Shavers, & Reggie Willis. These players even though sometimes double covered almost always managed to be open on crucial plays.

There is always more to any football team than just the offense. There are 'always those who manage to stop their opponent from running, catching passes, and scoring touchdowns. Several teams have found them-

selves unable to get into the endzone even once during the game. These men are called on time and time again to "get the ball back" and players such as Chip Bailey, Larry Gatlin, Mark Smith, Leo "Spider"Holloway, Dave Owens, Dennis Mayfield, & "Snake Burnam, manage to do exactly that The credit goes to the defense on several wins.

As I previously stated, this team has talent, but even talent needs practice. This is where all of those hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the practice field come in Although the Bandits finished without a coaching staff, HM2 Andy Stricklin was the primary coach, after relieving Dennis Pinson early in the season. Andy has a long record of both coaching and playing for other base championship teams.

Other team members included: Reyes Rincon, Al Jones, Jim Shadden, Harold Hearshman, Steve Weis, Frank Humphreys, Ed Kellner, Richard Alvardo, and Al Roggiero. CONT. FROM PAGE 1

requested. An outstanding hustler at his position describes HK James Grainger, the second baseman. HM3 Mark Dunn made some unbelievable plays in the hottest spot on the field as the third baseman. HN William Foster and HM3 Travis York, both subs, played very good games when call ed on. EN Terry Smith, a 110% ball player, always gave the best no matter what the circumstance as rightfielder. IC3 Leo Holloway, an utility outfielder, was noted as the fastest base runner in the league. Last but not least of all, there's HN Norman Johnson, an outfielder, who could play firstbase if needed. He also did most of the pinch hitting.



The gruesome sixsome.....





ATTA-BOY, EDDIE!

VOLLYBALL

MISFITS

BASE CHAMPS

The ladies are staying in the sports scene this fall after having a "mediocre" softball season by forming a "traumatic" volleyball team.

The ladies are being coached by Karen Carney and I hope their season's record is an improvement over their practices. So far, there has been one cast, a splint, and numerous jammed fingers, not to mention a hair-line fracture of a knuckle. A traumatic team to say the least.

K.C.'s Troop is their handle and the convoy includes: LTjg Joan Dooling, ENS Carol Greene, LT Linda Hofman, LT Ann Marie Kiel, HM3 Dawn Lawing, HM2 Karen Mabry, HN Jan Patton, Barbara Roggiero, and HM3 Betty Yancey. The playing season began 13

October and for the ladies it be gan with a win over the Go Getters (15-6, 15-3). The games are scheduled for Thursdays at 1900 at the base gym. So how about some cheerleaders, guys?

A baseball player gives us these instructions in case we ever need to diaper a baby:

tion of a baseball diamond, with you at bat. Fold second base over home plate. Place baby on the pitcher's mound. Then pin first base, third base and home plate together."

The Misfits did it again! This time in the slowpitch championship game against BE&E 25 Ju-

With a starting line-up of Steve Beaver-pitcher; Dave Grose 1st; Dave Martin-2nd; Al Slieger shortstop; Mike Johnston-3rd; Larry Wiggins-right field; Jerry Phares-short center; Al Car-michael-center; Kenny Walterleft field, and Dan Hollenkampcatcher, the guys had it all together.

BE&E was first to score in the top of the second on an error. In the bottom of the third. Hollenkamp came home on a double by Beaver tying the score.

The crowd's mood swayed from elation to depression as the two teams traded hits and outs. more outs than hits actually. Nevertheless, in the bottom of the fifth, the Misfits scored a couple more runs when Grose hit Hollenkamp and Beaver home. Alas, BE&E was left behind 3-1 as the tension mounted.

The climax came in the top of the seventh when BE&E was at the plate with two down and Schmidt "Place the diaper in the posi- (was up to bat. The pitch was in; the swing, on target, sent the ball sailing into R.F. Wiggins backed into position as the crowd held their breath. Down came the ball, right into his glove and the crowd went wild!

> All the tension of a long, hard fought season came to an end as the team exuberantly ran from the field. A well deserved win for our guys!

Golf is a game in which a ball 1.5" in diameter is placed on another ball 8,000 miles in diameter. The idea is to hit the little ball but not the big one.



The NRMC Intramural Golf Team completed a successful season recently. At the end of the regular season our golfers stood in the third place spot of the base handicap league. Then they competed in the double elimination tournament for the base champ-

The competition was exciting and after two wins and no losses it looked very promising for our team. Alas, the next two matches closed out hopes of bringing home a trophy as they succumbed to NATTC Support 3.5-2.5 and AV (A-1) 4.2.

NATTC Support Furthermore, and AV(A-1) met in the final set for the championship which NATTC took in two matches.

Golfers representing Memphis were: Randy Kline, Jerry Phares, Larry Wiggins, Martin Zachar, John McCarthy, and Joe Powell. In each match, four playerscompeted for nine holes.

Perhaps the best times were had during the weekend practice rounds when the group could cut up and relax, enjoying the exercise and the good company.

All in all, between the good golf shots and friendly competition, there is much to be said for playing team golf, especially in a handicap league. Next year, join the team and maybe the trophy will come home to NRMC.

HM2 M. ZACHAR



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